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SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL RELATED ART

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Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting this submission of additional related art in order to submit United States Patent 6,514,401, for Examiner's consideration.

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United States Patent 6,514,401, which issued to Chyou et al. on February 4, 2003, relates to an anti-biofouling system. The system is adapted to be used for an underwater structure immersed in seawater. The anti-biofouling system includes a conductive layer, comprising a three part mixture. The mixture comprises carbon fiber, graphite powder and a binder. This is then formed on a surface of the underwater structure so that it can serve as an anode. A cathode and a power supply are also provided to provide a current. As a result, an electrolytic reaction occurs and fouling organisms are prohibited from attaching to the surface of the underwater structure.

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